India's Losing Traditional Market in Marine Products

4491. DR. NAREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is losing steadily and heavily its traditional market namely Japan for its marine products in comparison to South-East Asian countries namely Thailand, Taiwan and Malaysia; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) There is a steady increase in our export of marine products to Japan. However, due to abundant supply of cultured shrimp from South East Asian countries in the recent years, India has lost its dominent position in this market.

(b) Government is implementing several schemes for augmenting the export production of shrimp through aquaculture.

Attending the Office by the Former Chairman of Hindustan Diamond Corporation Limited, Bombay

4492. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Chairman of the Hindustan Diamond Corporation Limited, Bombay continues to attend office even after four months of demitting the office;

(b) whether he is allowed to meddle with the corporation files and influence the decision making process by his physical presence in the Corporation Office;

(c) whether he also continues to occupy the official bungalow and use the corporation cars, so long after demitting the office;

(d) if so, in what circumstances;

(e) whether any probe has been made or caused into his suspicious activities; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) After demitting office, the former Chairman of Hindustan Diamond Company Ltd. has not used the Company car. However, he has been allowed to use the Company flat for a period of six months ending 31st May, 1992 on payment of monthly rent. This has been decided by the Board of Directors considering all relevant factor including the practice followed by Government for retired employees.

(e) and (f) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question of making any probe does not arise.

Joint Meeting of Indo-Japan Business Cooperation Committee

4493. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the 23rd Joint Meeting of the Indo-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, it was decided that Japan is willing to buy Indian components in a large scale at competitive prices;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between India and Japan in this regared for exporting components; and

(c) what are the sectors in Joint ventures agreed for component exports with Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) the 23rd meeting of the Indo-Japan Business Cooperation Committee was held on 29th